It's hard to believe it's already February, January just blew by!

Information inside this newsletter includes, enrollment information, 4-H Youth Lock In, YQCA and YQCA bus trip, Des Moines Legislative Trip, and more!

We were sad to see your county youth coordinator, Megan go, but we are happy about her new journey! If you need anything please reach out to me or the office. Our general email is: xmarshall@iastate.edu

Best wishes, Chelsea

UPCOMING WEIGH-INS

March 26th - Swine
May 1st - Sheep and Goat

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 25-26: 4th - 8th Grade Youth Lock-in | 9:30pm-6:00am | YMCA in Marshalltown

February 26-27: 8th-12th grade Youth Lock-in | 9:30pm-6:00am | Grundy Community Center in Grundy Center

March 23: Des Moines Leadership Trip | All Day | Des Moines Area

April 6: YQCA Bus Trip | All Day | Iowa State University

4-H ENROLLMENT

You are receiving this email because your youth is enrolled in 4honline. Anyone not enrolled by January 31, 2022 is not longer on our listserv. If you know anyone that needs to enroll please encourage them to do so ASAP so they can continue to receive information from our Extension Office.

If you have enrolled but not yet paid your enrollment dues, the price has now gone up to $30 a member. The reduced price has ended. Please send in your payment as soon as possible. You will continue to receive reminders from Chelsea until you do so.

IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications opened on November 20th. I encourage senior 4-H members to check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage for helpful hints and instructions on applying. Applications are due on midnight of March 1st. Check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship page for a road map to success with instructions and the helpful hints page. Megan sent all enrolled seniors the application link when it opened.

DES MOINES LEADERSHIP TRIP

Youth ages 7th-9th grade are headed to Des Moines this March! Come join us as we tour the State Capitol, visit with legislators, see the State Historical Building, and explore the Great Des Moines Botanical Center! More information and Registration can be found here.
**YQCA TRAINING**

Our next YQCA opportunities are: April 6th and 21st. This course is REQUIRED for all 4-H and FFA youth who plan to exhibit a livestock animal at the 2022 Central Iowa Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

You will need to go to this link to see the help sheet on how to register

The cost for the training is: $3.00 for face to face training or $12.00 for web based training.

Contact Chelsea for a Coupon Code for the face to face training.

Online trainings are not covered this year, it is at your own expense.

**ALL** YQCA trainings must be completed by May 15th to be eligible to show at the Central Iowa Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

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**YQCA BUS TRIP**

6-12th graders, mark your calendars for a bus trip to Ames on April 6, 2022! We will complete YQCA on the bus and then visit many of the ISU teaching farms and hear from Iowa State Extension and Outreach Specialists. Some of the planned tours are: poultry farm, sheep farm, vet school, and the swine farm. Registration Can be found here.

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**MARSHALL COUNTY BEEF BITS**

Hello Marshall County Bee Exhibitors: I hope that all of you got your market beef identified by the February 1st deadline!

February is Winter Beef Expo! I'm sure some of you will be down to Des Moines showing in both the open and junior shows. Best of luck to you all!

Mark your calendar. Our first Beef Fundraiser is on the calendar. Wednesday, March 30th is Taco John's night. What a great wa to earn money we don't have to do a thing but make sure we eat supper there that night! So between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. please be sure to take the family through the drive through and order your supper for the evening. Also, let your friends, family, and fellow 4-H members know to go eat to support the beef club. Be sure to thank Taco Johns for supporting this evening for us.

Please let the beef committee know if you have any questions or need help with anything. More information coming up next month. Happy February! Jodi
4-H 4-8TH GRADE YOUTH LOCK-IN

4-H INSPIRES ADVENTURE

EXPLOR WE, lead, and impact...
New games, meet new friends, find new adventures!
Swimming, racket ball, basketball, and board/card games. Take part in team building activates and impact your community in service projects during the event!

Come join us on February 25th-26th from 9:30pm-6:00am at the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA. This event is open to all youth in grades 4-8th grade. So, bring a friend along! RSVP to Chelsea by February 18th at 4:00pm. Cost will be $25 per youth.
More information can be found here.

4-H 8TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH LOCK-IN

8th-12th GRADE LOCK IN
FEBRUARY 26-27, 2022 | 7PM-6AM
Grundy Center Community Center
Open to ALL youth grades 8th-12th from Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, and Tama County—so bring a friend!

UNLOCK THE MYSTERY... Here's a Clue—there will be food, mysteries to solve, fun & friends!
Send your RSVP to your local Extension Office by February 18th at 4:30PM.
Cost: $20.00 4-H members
$25.00 Non-member
All non 4-H members must complete a health form before the day of the event. More information can be found here.
Attention Marshall County 4-Hers!! The Marshall County Pork Producers have an opportunity for you to become pork producers!!

We have a commercial pork producer who is willing to invest in you! He is offering feeder pigs weighing between 30-60 pounds to be purchased in the middle of March with weigh-in to take place on Saturday, March 26th. These are commercial pigs but have the potential to have amazing rate of gains and excellent carcasses. These pigs will compete in their own Marshall County Produce Classes (aka Derby Show) and prize money will be allotted for this division as well. The cost of the pigs is $50 per pig (feeder pig market price sis currently at approximately $75) and the Marshall County Pork Producers will also have additional monetary incentives for those who in enroll in this program. They will also help with arranging marketing options for your swine projects. If you have ever thought about having a pig project, this is your opportunity!!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Peterson. 515-291-0411 plpeterson@partnercom.net We will need to have a rough estimate of how many families are interested by late February so we can let the producer know how many pigs to keep back. Opportunities like this do not happen very often, please don’t let this one pass you by!!!

If you are a future Iowa State University student, or a current student, please consider this Marshall County Pork Producers Scholarship. You must be a Marshall County Resident wanting to or are studying Agriculture. Please see our website for the forms and more information.